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TO: Assistant Director for Research and Reports
FROM: Acting Chief, Economic Research Area
SUBJECT: Activity Report for the Month of October 1958

25X1C8E 1. Discussions were held by various ERA representatives with [redacted] relating to Bloc economic developments. Soviet Military Economics, Bloc Trade, Economic Penetration, Pricing Policies, and Sino-Soviet Economic Relations were particularly stressed. 25X1

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3. Current support activity in October continued at a high level reflecting the unsettled conditions in the Far East and the Middle East. Other subjects receiving significant attention included the Chinese communes and "leap forward" program, Bloc area exports, Bloc telecommunication, Bloc agriculture, and the Soviet seven year plan.

4. A joint ORR-OCI Current Intelligence Weekly item on the Chinese communes was separately distributed at the direction of the DCI to members of the NSC. 25X1

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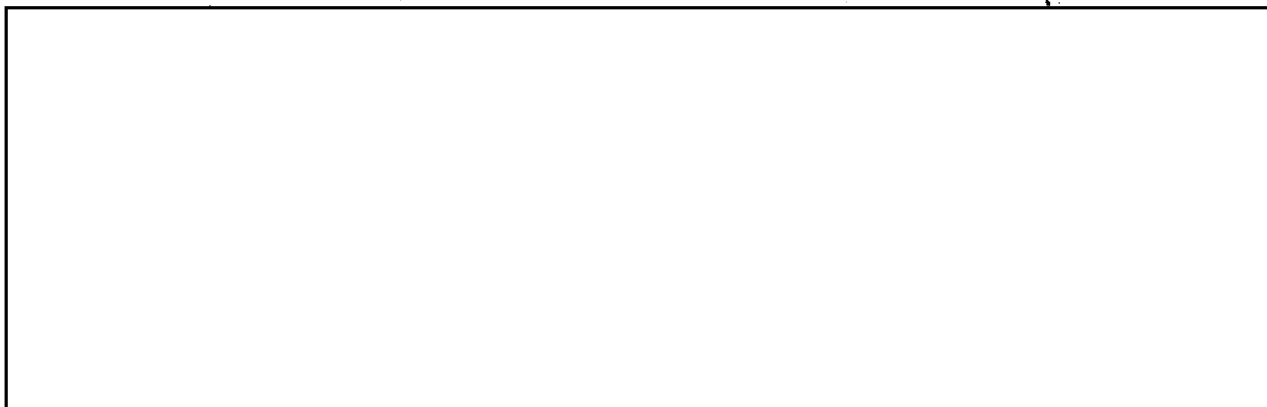
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New suggestions for collection are being devised from I/GM's study and evaluation of the Soviet ICBM estimate [redacted] is representing the Office in an Agency group which will visit the Ballistic Missile headquarters to survey BMD document output and arrange for Agency receipt of selected reports on a continuing basis.

6. The USIB Ad Hoc Panel of Consultants is being convened on 12 November to consider GMIC's evaluation of NIE 11-5-58 (Soviet ICBM Estimate). The Guided Missile Branch is to brief this Panel on the production and deployment aspects of the guided missiles program. Some reservations are being entertained on the usefulness of the contribution which the Ad Hoc Panel can make in a three day consideration of the whole program, which allots one day for briefings, one day for discussion, and one day for the preparation and presentation of a report.

The Guided Missile Branch's contribution to GMIC's evaluation has been singled out for informal commendation by the ONE Staff.



9. As previously reported, AFCIN continues to show an interest in Military Economics Branch's military costing techniques. The branch briefed Dr. Passony (AFCIN), on methods and problems of military costing. At Dr. Passony's suggestion Military Economics Branch will participate in a joint briefing of the Library of Congress. Air Information Staff in November.

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10. The JAEIC Economic Working Group continued its series of meetings throughout October. By month's end coordination had progressed to the point where a wind up of work on the contribution to NIE 11-2-59, The Soviet Atomic Energy Program, was assured for early November.

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gap. One of the more effective sources of potential employees has been personal referrals volunteered by analysts already on-board. Recently several such referrals have produced good results. Analysts are encouraged to continue to recommend potential candidates from their personal or professional contacts. 25X1

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